(iii) **पिछड़े क्षेत्र** : सातवीं योजना के अधीन पिछड़ा क्षेत्र विकास कार्यक्रम को क्रियान्वित करने के लिये राज्य सरकार द्वारा अभिनिर्धारित क्षेत्र (ग्राम और लघु उद्योग क्षेत्र)

पदों के सृजन पर लगातार पाबंदी को मद्देनजर रखते हुये नये शाखा डाकघर खोलने के प्रस्ताव छूट देने के लिये डाक विभाग द्वारा वित्त मंत्रालय को प्रस्तुत किये जायेंगे ।

3. सभी सर्किल अध्यक्षों को अनुदेश जारी कर दिये गये हैं कि वे नये डाकघर खोलने के बारे में माननीय संसद सदस्यों से परामर्श करें तथा उन्होंने जिन प्रस्तावों की सिफारिश की हो, उन पर उपर्युक्त मानदंडों को ध्यान में रखते हुये सहानुभूतिपूर्वक तुरन्त विचार किया जाये ।

Sale of Kisan Vikas Patras at the Branch Post Offices

817. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kisan Vikas Patras are allowed to be sold at Branch Post Offices; and

(b) if so, what is the State-wise number of Branch Post Offices at present selling the Kisan Vikas Patras in the countr> ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Kisan Vikas Patras are generally not allowed to be sold at Branch Post Offices due to operational constraints. However, the Heads of Circles have been authorised *to* vest those Branch Post Offices with the powers to sell Kisan Vikas Patras where there is demand.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

818. *[Transferred to the 31st July,* 1989].

819. *[Transferred to the 3lst July,* 1989J.

Maintenance in Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

820. SHRI V. GOPALASAMY ; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the operation theatre of the Urology Department in the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital was recently closed for some days due to poor maintenance ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to provide proper maintenance in that Hospital ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRl RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The theatre remained closed for 3 days i.e. 14—16th April, 1989 including a Sunday when operations are not performed.

(b) Routine Maintenance & fumigation of Operation Theatre are undertaken regularly. During the period for which one or more Operation Tneatres are closed, alternate arrangements are made to carry o ut the operations.